

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2894 - SB 3014**

March 16, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the definition of dependent and neglected child to include a child who has contracted a sexually transmitted disease.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,190,900**

**Increase Federal Expenditures - \$753,700**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), there are 800,000 teens in the state. Approximately 0.43 percent, or 3,440 teens will contract a sexually transmitted disease. Of the 3,440 teens, two percent, or 69, will enter state custody.
- According to DCS, the average length of stay for each teen will be 219 days.
- According to DCS, the average cost per day is \$96 resulting in a recurring increase in expenditures of \$1,450,656 (69 x 219 days x \$96).
- Of the \$1,450,656, seven percent (\$101,546) will be Title IV-E federal funds; 49 percent (\$710,821) will be through TennCare; and 44 percent (\$638,289) will be state funds.
- Of the \$710,821 in TennCare funds, \$240,343 are state funds at a rate of 33.812 percent and \$470,478 are federal funds at a 66.188 percent match rate.
- It is estimated that DCS will need six additional case managers resulting in a recurring increase in expenditures of \$362,718 [(\$34,400 salary + \$11,053 benefits + \$15,000 for communications, networking, travel, and supplies) x 6 positions].
- It is estimated that DCS will need two additional team leaders resulting in a recurring increase in expenditures of \$131,260 [(\$38,900 salary + \$11,730 benefits + \$15,000 for communications, networking, travel, and supplies) x 2 positions].
- Of the total increase of \$493,978 (\$362,718 + \$131,260), seven percent (\$34,578) will be Title IV-E federal funds; 45 percent (\$222,290) will be through TennCare; and 48 percent (\$237,110) will be state funds.
- Of the \$222,290 in TennCare funds, \$75,161 are state funds at a rate of 33.812 percent and \$147,129 are federal funds at a 66.188 percent match rate.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,190,903 (\$638,289 + \$240,343 + \$237,110 + \$75,161).

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- The total recurring increase in federal expenditures is estimated to be \$753,731 (\$101,546 + \$470,478 + \$34,578 + \$147,129).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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